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Dear Friends,

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thes. 5:24. We encouraged ourselves with this verse all through deputation, through the long years of language study and helping in other churches, and now we are still clinging to it as we are laboring to begin this new church! We are so thankful to know that it is God that will build this church! We are not laboring alone! If we had to do it alone, the task would be impossible, but with God all things are possible! We are so very thankful for God giving us the direction, guidance, courage, strength, and determination to keep serving Him here each day and also for each of you for allowing God to use you to enable us to be here. Your encouraging notes and the knowledge that you were praying for us meant so much in the past two months as we faced several stressful situations.

As most of you know, Richard has been having more health problems. He has been having a migraine headache for over 2 weeks now and also having numbness on his left side. We were concerned that he had a stroke so we went to the hospital in Chiangmai. The doctor thought it sounded like a mass on his brain and he did a MRI. The MRI was normal, so the doctor said that it must just be bad migraines. He gave medication for that. Then we returned home and he had an allergic reaction to the medicine. We had to go to the emergency room here and they gave him 2 shots that stopped the allergic reaction. He is still weak from that and his head still hurts. He has improved, but please pray that the headache would go completely away. He is also still numb on the left side of his face. Also, he is still having some chest pains. Now they are only a few times a week and less severe. He is considering getting a CT scan done to check his lungs. Please keep praying for God to heal him completely.

We asked you to pray for a lady named Nee to be saved in December. She was saved shortly after we sent that letter. She has been a great help around the church since then. Recently, she told us that her husband just divorced her. He got the divorce because she had gone into debt without telling him. We have been trying to counsel her, but the problem seems to be really big. Both her parents and her husband want her to leave town. Please pray for God to help her resolve the problem with her husband and her parents. Also pray for her 4 children as they are in the middle of this problem. And pray for the whole family to be saved.

We have often mentioned a teenager named Steve in our letters. At first he seemed to be really interested in following the Lord. His parents seemed too busy for him, and he wanted to stay with us. So, we allowed him to stay with us for several months. During that time, we discovered that Steve was lying to us. He lied about almost every detail of his whole life. We have sent him back home. He is still coming to church, but seems like a different person. We aren't sure if he truly was saved or just said that to persuade us to let him live with us. Please pray for him and for his family to be saved.

This is a sampling of some of the problems that we have been facing. We have a steady flow of people dropping by the church in need of help. Please pray for us as we try to point them to the Lord! It is a spiritual battle that you are helping us fight!

We have also had a couple of exciting new opportunities to share the Gospel. First, Richard began teaching at the prison here in Tak. He teaches English for 1 ½ hours in exchange for the opportunity to teach the Bible for 30 minutes. He has about 40 students. Some are Thai, some are Burmese, and some are Hmong (a hill tribe). After he handed out Gen/John/Rom in Thai to the students, the Hmong men asked for Bibles in their language. We are going to be able to get these from another missionary very soon. Thankfully, they understand Thai, so they can understand the Bible lessons.

We have been able to set up a table at a local park on Friday evenings. Many people go there to let their kids play, visit with friends, and eat dinner so it is always crowded. We are able to hand out tracts, sing, and tell a Bible lesson. Last time we had about 12 children listen to the Bible story while many other children and adults listened from a distance. This only cost 50 cents a week to rent the space and use electricity! Pray for us to be able to continue doing this!

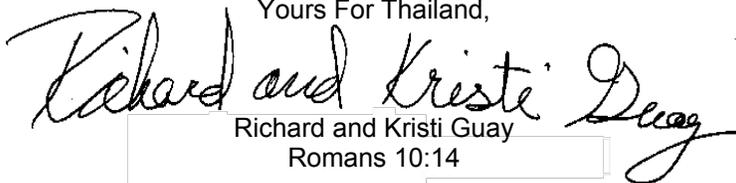
A few weeks ago Kristi prayed and asked God to please open a door for us to really have a deaf ministry. About 2 hours later a lady called her and said that she knew a young Christian lady who was deaf and wanted to come to church! We went the next day and met Bong. She lives 30 minutes away and is the only Christian in her family. Her family doesn't know sign language and she is really lonely. She started coming to church on Sundays. After church she helps us with our sign language too. Please pray that she will keep coming and that soon we will have more deaf come too!

Although we have had some discouragements, we have also had many things encourage us. In the past 6 months since we have started this church, we have only had one service with only our own family! We are very thankful for that because we truly expected to have some lonely Sundays! God has really blessed and is opening the hearts of the people here! Thanks again for holding us up in prayer!

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Yours For Thailand,


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Romans 10:14